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RE: 2018 South Park Projects

BACKGROUND: The Department of Neighborhoods is coordinating the City of Seattle's response to the South Park Public Safety Task Force recommendations, which were released in 2017. As part of this work, we are managing the community prioritization process for \$500,000 in neighborhood safety improvements and \$25,000 to support the Duwamish Valley Program in broad-based community engagement and capacity building.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY: Over the last year we have worked with community members and City departments to develop comprehensive approaches to addressing community concerns around public safety. The following is a list of projects that have developed in direct response to community concerns.

Cloverdale Street Improvements, DON lead with support from SDOT, SPU, SCL

- 8th and Cloverdale
 - o During the community engagement process for the 500K prioritization effort, DON heard a lot of feedback about the SR99 underpass. Additionally, "Widening the sidewalks" in this area was selected as the 2nd most important safety issue to address in the neighborhood through that process. In the engagement though, community members acknowledge that improvements to the area should go beyond the widening of the sidewalk.
This year, South Park community members emphasized again the importance of addressing the underpass by nominating this area in the Your Voice Your Choice idea generation stage and ultimately, voting to fund a design for pedestrian safety improvements at the underpass.
DON has pulled together a team of several departments to bring a comprehensive approach to improvements in the underpass and nearby intersections on Cloverdale; leveraging funds from the 500K prioritization effort, 80K from the YVYC project and





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funds from different SDOT and SCL programs. A design concept for this project has been drafted based on community feedback received through the 500K prioritization effort, YVYC outreach and follow-up conversations with community groups. The following upgrades will be incorporated into the design:

- Lighting upgrades to the underpass (SCL)
- Pidgeon spikes under the bridge (SDOT)
- Sidewalk improvements (SDOT)
- Traffic calming (SDOT)
- Artful incorporation of design elements used in the adjacent Pavement to Parks project

SDOT is currently working with their engineers to assess the timeline and cost required for implementing this project. DON will continue to convene this project team internally and work with community stakeholders to finalize the design. This project is coordinating with the work happening on 5th and Cloverdale as well.

- 5th and Cloverdale
 - In 2017 DON award the Friends of 5th and Cloverdale, a community group made up of South Park residents, \$28,300 to work with a consultant to develop a street design concept for the intersection at 5th and Cloverdale. Since this project concluded in May, SDOT and SPU have been planning the implementation of the community design. DON has been and will continue to work with SDOT and SPU on the implementation of street improvements at this intersection. Given the size of this project, improvements to the right of way will occur in phases over the next few years and will include:
 - A new sidewalk along the south side of Cloverdale, that will include safe bike access
 - Green storm water infrastructure and a pedestrian walkway along the northside of Cloverdale

Additional Safety Improvements for 2018 catalyzed by community concerns:

- Identified Community Priorities through \$500k prioritization
 - New lighting on 8th Ave Trail (completed)
 - New stairway lighting on 10th Ave staircase (completed)
 - New stairway lighting on 12th Ave staircase (completed)
- Identified by the SP Safety Taskforce
 - Installation of Alley Lighting near 14th Ave S (completed)
 - Street lighting upgrade to all LED (completed)



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- Your Voice Your Choice
 - Installation of new crosswalk at 12th Ave S and S Cloverdale St (completed)
 - Signal upgrades at 7th and 8th Ave S and S Cloverdale St (in construction)
- SDOT Programs
 - Installation of new edge line on Cloverdale to provide traffic calming (completed)
 - Installation of radar feedback signs on S Cloverdale St and 14th Ave S (scheduled)
 - Place making and beautification at end of 8th Ave Trail (completed)
 - Traffic calming on 5th and 7th Ave S (completed)
 - Installation of new Pavement to Parks area in front of Library (Pavement to Parks) (completed)

COMMUNITY CAPACITY INVESTMENTS SUMMARY: In support of the Duwamish Valley Program, DON has developed opportunities to deepen engagement and build capacity in South Park. The investments listed below were developed in direct response to community identified needs regarding community development and project implementation.

South Park Neighborhood Center RET, DON lead with participation from OPCD

- On November 29, DON convened the first South Park Neighborhood Center Racial Equity Toolkit Team meeting. The meeting was attended by several community stakeholders representing building tenants, community members and emerging community leaders. DON will continue to convene this team.

Youth Urban Design Fellowship, DON lead with OPCD

- In response to the need for more youth engagement and leadership opportunities, DON is developing a new engagement tool to support meaningful participation of youth in neighborhood planning and design. As part of this work DON is partnering with OPCD's Outside Citywide program to develop a Youth Urban Design Fellowship whereby youth can learn urban design skills, collect community perspectives and, apply their knowledge to a neighborhood project. This fellowship is currently in development and will likely kick-off in late Winter or Early Spring 2019.

Public Safety Coordinator, DON in collaboration with Seattle Neighborhood Group

- DON is partnering with the South Park Public Safety Coordinator to plan 3 community events/meetings regarding neighborhood public safety. DON will support this work by bringing together several City resources, increasing the opportunities for South Park residents to participate in and learn about programs like ORCA Lift, Utility Discount and Fresh Bucks.

